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SUBJECT: IBALAN BOOK CONFERENCE-EXHIBIT  
REF: A. USIA  
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B. LAGOS 10196-C, C. USIA 24929 ETC.

1. RE DRAGT OF LAGE-LATTANZI ALTERNATIVES, THEY OFFER POSSIBLE  
WAYS OF REDUCING BOOK CONFERENCE-EXHIBIT COSTS BUT DO NOT ADDRESS  
BASIC PROBLEMS RAISED REFTEL B.

2. HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM BAENSCH DATED 11/5 REQUESTING  
"STATUS REPORT." IMPOSSIBLE RESPOND SINCE WE UNAWARE STATUR HIS  
PLANS AND COMMITMENTS TO NIGERIAO COUOTERPARTS. HE ASSERTS PROJECT  
"IS GAINING CONSIDERABLE MOMENTUM, NOT ONLY AS A PROJECT FOR NIGERIA  
OR AFRICAPM BOTH THE PUBLISHING IND LIBRARY COMMUNITIES SEE NT AS  
THE FIRST CONCRETE MODEL FOR WORKING TOGETHER WITH USIA AND STATE  
ON RELATING EFFECTIVELY TO EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES."

ASIDE FROM THIS ASSERTION, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF ANY PROGRESS  
ON PROJECT NOR OF ANY TANGIBLE SUPPORT FROM AMERICAN PUBLISHERS  
AND BOOKSELLERS ARIDE FROM BOOKS DONATED FOR EXHIBIT.

3. URGE PROJECT BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY UNTIL A) SITUATION  
REFTEL B PAHA

3 IS CLASIFIED AND B) AMERICAN PUBLISHERS AND  
BOOKSELLERS ARE SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTED IN PROJECT TO PROVIDE  
SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT REQUIRED. WITH ONLY TWO MONTHS REMAINING  
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UNTIL CONFERENCE, THERE IS NO INDICATION BAENSCH HAS OBTAINED

SOLID SUPPORT FROM NITERIAO COUNTERPARTS. IN ADDITION, WE ANTICIPATE UNIVERSITIES SOON WILL BE IN DISARRAR AS RESULT IMMINENT "HOUSECLEANING" OF FACULTY MEMBERS BY FMG-SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT SINCE JU Y COUP IO FEDERAL AOD STATE GOVERNMENTS RESULTING IN DISMISSALS AND FORCED RETIREMENTS OF SEVERAL THOUSAND CIVIL SERVANTS. ALSO, NOW DOUBTFUL PROJECT COULD BE HELD AT UNIBALAN WHERE MUMH CONFERENCE CENTER HOUSING HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER FOR FACULTY HOUSING; POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IS UOLIKELY.

4. REQUEST FIRM AGENCY DECISION NOW ON PROJECT. IF DECISION DESPITE OUR ADVICE IS TO PROCEED, MUST HAVE FIRM DETAILED COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES IN ORDER ATTEMPT MAKE SOMETHING USEFUL OUT OF EXISTING SHAMBLES.

5. IF DECISION IS TO POSTPONE PROJECT INDEFINITELY, NEED GUIDANCE RE DISPOSITION OF BOOKS (REFTEL B, PAHA 5). WOULD SUGGEST PRESENTATION OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES AS BICENTENNIAL GIFT FROM AMERICAN PUBLISHERS; COULD ORGANIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH BELIEVE WOULD GENERATE GOODWILL FOR THEM AND INDICATE THEIH ONGOING GENERAL INTEREST IN EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHING PRACTICAL MEANS OF DISTRIBUTING AMERICAN BOOKS IN NIGERIA.

6. REQUEST  
ADVICE ASAP.  
HEDGES

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